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MASTER SURGEONS OF AMERICA

DONALD MACLEAN

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DONALD Maclean was born at Seymour, Canada, December 4, 1839. His early education was obtained partly at Oliphant's School, Edinburgh, and partly at Coburg, Belleville, and Queen's College, Canada. In 1858 he entered the medical department of the University of Edinburgh, becoming a licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1862.

Upon his return to the United States he became an assistant surgeon in the Army and served at various stations, among which were hospitals at St. Louis and Louisville.

In 1864, having returned to Canada, he was appointed professor of surgery in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons at Kingston, Ontario. In 1872 he accepted the position of lecturer and later professor of surgery in the medical department of the University of Michigan. He occupied this chair until the year 1889 when he resigned and entered private practice in Detroit, Michigan. Here he remained until his death, which occurred July 24, 1903.

Among the many honors bestowed upon him during his active life the following may be mentioned. In 1884 he was elected president of the Michigan State Medical Society. In 1894 he was president of the American Medical Association. He was elected to honorary membership in the Ohio State Medical Society and the New York State Medical Society. He was a member of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, as well as a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians.

Donald Maclean is best remembered as a great teacher. He inspired enthusiasm in his pupils and was sponsor for many great surgeons, some of whom have become famous. Of spare build, about five feet ten inches high, handsome and bold, he conducted his clinic in a dramatic manner, and his kindly personality made him many friends in the medical profession.

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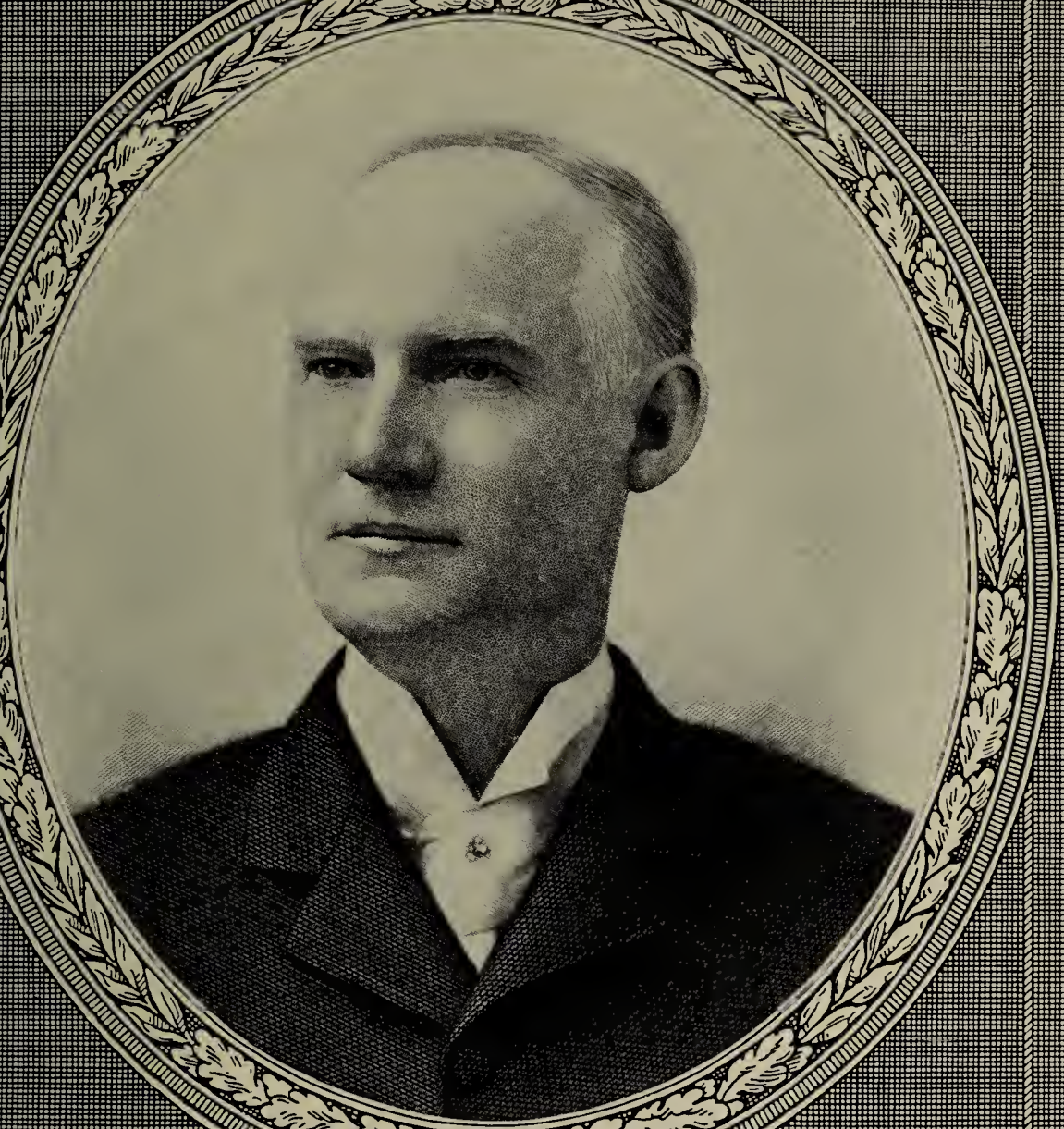

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